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CONTAMINANTS"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add newly submitted Claims 28-39 as follows:

28. A method for inactivating viruses in a body fluid, the method comprising the steps of:  
initially storing an amount of methylene blue and an amount of the body fluid in separate  
sterile, sealed containers, each container having an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl chloride  
plastic material and the container in which the body fluid is stored is made of a polyvinyl chloride  
material;

forming a mixture by adding at least a portion of the amount of the methylene blue to the  
amount of the body fluid wherein the portion of methylene blue is a virucidally effective amount of